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In re Application of : DECISION ON
Ray Davenport et al :
Application No.: 10/552,531 :
PCT No.: PCT/EP2004/050443 :
Int. Filing Date: 05 April 2004 : PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 14 April 2003 :
Attorney Docket No.: PC/3-22342/A/PCT :
For: PROCESS FOR RENDERING SLUDGES— : 37 CFR 1.181
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This decision is in response to the "COMMUNICATION" received 22 July 2008, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting that the 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of the above application be corrected to 13 July 2006.

BACKGROUND

In a decision from this Office on 9 June 2008, stated certain application papers were mistakenly filed in the wrong application, and this was corrected by having the papers transferred to the instant application No.: 10/552,531.

On 22 July 2008, applicants submitted the present petition, stating that the application 35 USC 371 date is 13 July 2006, and not 27 June 2006 as stated in the NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495 (PCT/DO/EO/905).

DISCUSSION

A review of the file indicates that the executed declaration was received on 13 July 2006 at the time of filing the application, which is also the date that applicants satisfied the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4). Accordingly, this is the date, 13 July 2006, that 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) requirements were satisfied.

DECISION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) mailed on 17 August 2007 is
VACATED with the mailing of this decision.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office
(DO/EO/US) for continued processing under 35 U.S.C. 371. The 35 USC 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and
(c)(4) date of this application is 13 July 2006.



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